

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on December 17, 2007, at the Early Childhood Center, 322 Sprague Street, Dedham, Massachusetts. Present were:

Carmen DelloIacono
James A. MacDonald
Marie-Louise Kehoe
Michael L. Bulter

Selectmen Dennis J. Teehan (Absent)

Dedham Citizens Open Discussion

Mr. DelloIacono asked the audience if anyone wished to speak. There was no response. Mr. DelloIacono proceeded to the next agenda item.

State Representative Paul McMurtry was in attendance. He came by to thank everyone for their assistance over the past six months in which he has served as the Town's State Representative. Mr. McMurtry wished the Board of Selectmen and the residents of the Town of Dedham Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year.

Vote -- to renew licenses for 2008 and Vote -- ABCC Population Regulation as of July, 2007

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to approve the 2008 Liquor Licenses with the understanding presented to the Board; seconded by Mr. MacDonald for discussion. Mr. MacDonald amended the motion to include the licenses that will expire on February 15, 2008, namely, Auld Sod Pub, Irish Ale House and Italian American Club.

(The above-listed establishments were issued joint Certificates of Inspection from the Building Department and Fire Department to expire on February 15, 2008. The Liquor Licenses concurs with this expiration date, February 15, 2008 and will expire at that time. Both the Building Commissioner and Fire Chief are working with the establishments to resolve the issues and bring them into full compliance; however, until such time, the licenses are issued only until February 15, 2008. Before the licenses expire, the Town Administrator's Office will monitor this situation and inform the Board of the progress made by both the Building/Fire Departments and the establishments.)

On the Vote: Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

Dedham Town Clerk's Office provided the Administrator's Office with the following information: The Population as of July, 2007, was 22,279.

Mr. Butler made a motion to approve the resident population, 22,279; seconded by Mrs. Kehoe. **On the Vote:** Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

Vote & Sign Off Gencel Pump Station Easement at Legacy Place

Mr. MacDonald made a motion to accept from Gencel Realty, LLC, a deed of sewer easement in the land shown as Lot 55 on a plan entitled: "Plan of Land in Dedham, MA, being a Subdivision of Lots 47 & 48 From 21105U", dated May 3, 2007, last revised October 9, 2007, and filed for registration with the Norfolk County Registry District of the Land Court, conditional upon presentation to the Town of a complete, signed deed in the form presented to the Board of Selection at this meeting, and approved by Town Counsel, and further conditional upon the Town obtaining from Fairfield Dedham Limited Partnership a confirmatory deed of easements expressly allowing the Town to use existing sewer easements in the adjoining Fairfield property to access and use the Gencel sewer easement; seconded by Mrs. Kehoe.

On the Vote: Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

ACTION BY THE BOARD

A Vote to accept donation of land at 235 Stoney Lea Road

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to accept a gift of land, with gratitude, at 235 Stoney Lea Road; said land is to be used for conservation purposes. Mr. Butler seconded the motion.

On the Vote: Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

Appointment of Robert Walsh as Special Municipal Employee

Pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 268A (Special Town Employee) Mr. MacDonald made a motion to approve Robert Walsh as a Special Town Employee who will assist with Wildlife Nuisance Control in the Town of Dedham; seconded by Mrs. Kehoe.

On the Vote: Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

Request for an Entertainment License from the Dedham Community Theatre to hold a New Year's Eve Comedy Show

Mrs. Kehoe made a motion to approve an Entertainment License to hold a New Year's Eve Comedy Show at the Dedham Community Theatre; seconded by Mr. Butler.

On the Vote: Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

William Keegan, Town Administrator, began his report with a compliment to the DPW. He stated that the DPW did an outstanding job with and extremely difficult snow operation over this past weekend. Mr. Keegan informed the Board that there would be some snow removal tonight.

Mr. Keegan informed the Board that he is arranging a 2008 Goals Meeting some time in January. The second Strategic Planning Meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 16, 2008. Additionally, the Pavement Management Presentation will be in January and he will be working on Capital Planning Meeting with Department Heads. Mr. Keegan informed the Board that the Finance Director is working with Dave Martin, Finance Committee, to incorporate Budget Forecasting into the FY'09 Budget.

Mr. Keegan asked the Board for some feedback relative to the Street Lights proposal presented to them. Mr. MacDonald asked Mr. Keegan to obtain references from other communities and to provide the Selectmen with a report. It was his understanding that Fall River has bad experiences. Mr. MacDonald asked if the lights in use are doing what they should be doing—he also requested a report relative to this matter so that the Board can make an informed decision.

Mrs. Kehoe asked that the Town Administrator to make certain that the used system is in good condition. She asked that a third party take a look at the system to make sure of its condition. She asked Mr. Keegan to be cautious, make sure of purchase and be certain that the system is in good shape and working order going forward. Mrs. Kehoe did not want the purchase to be a costly mistake. Mr. DelloIacono agreed. He asked Mr. Keegan to make sure everything is working 100% before a purchase goes forward.

Mrs. Kehoe asked Mr. Keegan what the warranty is on the product? Mr. Keegan responded that it was his understanding that you buy as is. He will check on warranty and will also check to make sure the lights are in good working order.

Mr. Keegan informed the Board that the 2nd Annual Town-wide Christmas Party was a success and everyone had a wonderful evening. Mr. Keegan also invited the Board to his annual Christmas Breakfast on December 20, 2007.

On another matter, Nancy Baker, Assistant Town Administrator, informed the Board that the next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2008. She proposed the following dates for the Neighborhood Meetings: February 6, 2008—Precincts 5 & 7 March, 2008 – Precincts 1 & 2 and April, 2008 – Precincts 3, 4 & 6.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Butler asked that some time be set aside in January for a discussion with the Economic Development Director in order to set goals, develop a plan relative to what is expected. He asked that these goals/plans be circulated to relevant Boards/Committees for their input/agreement.

At this point of the regular meeting, Mr. MacDonald made a motion to take a short recess before the Board's joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to discuss the use of the Striar Property as a Town Snow Dump; seconded by Mr. Butler. **On the Vote:** Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

Snow Dump Discussion with Neighbors of the Striar Property

Don Reisner, Chairman, Parks and Recreation Commission called the joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen to order.

Present Parks and Recreation Commission were: Jim Maher, Sal Ledda, Chuck DelloIacono, Mary Sugrue, Don Reisner, Anthony Mucciaccio, Bob Stanley and Millie Smart

Mr. DelloIacono informed the audience of neighbors that this meeting was for the Snow Dump discussion only and that there would be another Neighborhood Meeting on February 6, 2008, to discuss additional matters of concern/interest.

Mr. Reisner informed all that his Commission approved the Striar Property as a Snow Dump with the condition that both the Selectmen and Commission meet with the neighbors this evening.

Mr. DelloIacono introduced David Field, Director of Engineering, Joe Flanagan, DPW Director and Don Yonika, Conservation Officer. He stated that these gentlemen were here, this evening, to answer the neighbors' questions relative to this matter.

Mr. Field gave a presentation to the audience. He stated that his Department was responsible for locating a Snow Dump location to replace the former site located in the National Amusement Parking Lot. He informed all that his Department utilized the GIS software and they looked at every parcel of land in Dedham that was over ½ acre. They went down a list and went over Snow Removal Guidelines. Mr. Field stated that there were 5 parcels that fit the bill and were appropriate. He also looked at Parking Lots in Town. Mr. Field informed all that he came before the Board of Selectmen for their approval. All agreed that the Striar Property was the best alternative for the site. Mr. Field stated that Striar can hold approximately 500,000 cubic feet of water, more than need for snow storage. Additionally, snow storage on the site will infiltrate into the ground.

Mr. MacDonald asked if there were other alternative parcels. Mr. Flanagan responded, Memorial Park and St. Mary's Parking Lot.

A resident of Hooper Road reminded all of the water problems on Sprague Street and asked if this will increase the water in that area. Mr. Field stated that having the Snow Dump on the Striar Property would not exacerbate the existing problem. He also mentioned that he realized that there is a ground water problem in this area. He informed the neighbors that the water would not flow out of the Striar site. It will infiltrate into the ground and would not go into the brook. The salt and sand, when melted, will remain on the soil and this process is DEP recommended.

Mr. DelloIacono asked Mr. Yonika a question relative to the materials left on the soil after the snow melt. Mr. Yonika responded that there would be grime, grease and salt—no viruses. The loose materials would be removed and the remaining debris would percolate into the soil. Mr. Yonika stated that there would be no pollution problem if snow were dumped on this site.

Rich Azar, resident, had concerns with water overflow that might occur from a rainstorm. He asked what would happen with the water. His second issue was the traffic from the trucks dumping the snow given the fact that they would be traveling down Sprague Street and thru the easement. Mr. DelloIacono asked the Mr. Flanagan the average amount of trucks that will be used in their operation. Mr. Flanagan stated that there will be approximately 20 trucks.

Rose Faverty, Hooper Road, had concerns with infiltrations. She stated that the Manor Section does not need any more water. Mr. Field informed all that snow melts very slowly and the melting will not impact the Manor. Another resident was concerned relative to gas and debris that will be left on the ground and contamination. Mr. Field stated that the DPW will clean up the trash/debris when the snow melts. Residents were concerned with the chemicals left on the soil. Mr. Yonika informed all that the Town has used the DEP Guidelines for Snow Removal. He commented that the soil on this site will be very effective in filtering out the snow material—it will be a very simple job to remove the upper level. Mr. Yonika informed the audience that clean up happens at the National Amusement location; however, the cleanup operation cannot be guaranteed.

Kate Sullivan, Bonham Road, asked if Traffic Lights could be installed in this location. Mr. Flanagan responded that snow removal is not a large-scale operation and lights are not needed. Ms. Sullivan asked when this operation would start. Mr. Flanagan stated that there is no definite agreement in place. The land has to be cleared out. Possibly this site could be used next year.

John Mellon, Sprague Street, also had concerns with truck noise. Mr. Flanagan commented that neighbors will hear tail gates and backup alarms; however, this would not be an every day occurrence. Mr. Flanagan did comment that the dumping process is loud. Mr. Keegan, Town Administrator added that the average snow removal operation

might be approximately four or five times per year. Mr. Flanagan commented that if there is more snow, there will be more operations.

A Turner Street resident asked if the trucks would go down his street. Mr. Flanagan stated that the trucks will go to the Endicott Rotary and down Sprague Street.

John Gillis, Sprague Street, had concerns with drainage and the water problems in the Manor Area. He was against placing a Snow Dump on the Striar Property and also had concerns with contamination. He commented that it was wrong.

A resident of Dale Street asked what the cost will be for clearing the Striar land and building an access road. Mr. Flanagan stated that it will cost approximately, \$80,000 to get the dumping field up and running. Mr. Flanagan informed all that the road and dumping area will be the Parking Lot for the upcoming field. Mr. Keegan added that the money will come from the Snow Operations Budget. Mr. Reisner commented that the snow dump area will be demolished once the fields are developed.

Michael Augustino, Argyle Road, asked how long this area will be used for dumping snow. Mr. Flanagan responded that it will be review every year. The money used will go towards the Parking Lot for the fields. Mr. Keegan added that this money will not be wasted. Mr. Augustino was concerned relative to the Sewer Line. Mr. Field commented that the Sewer Line is in good shape. It just needs to be lined. Mr. Augustino asked if any other sites were considered. Mr. Flanagan commented that the Conservation Commission's recommendation was the Striar Property. They did not want Memorial Park used as a Snow Dump. Mr. DelloIacono informed all that this is no permanent Snow Dump site. There are some satellite sites and the DPW is working on some private locations. Mr. DelloIacono stated that, in the past, Memorial Park was not used for a Snow Dump. Mr. Augustino commented that the snow dump at Striar Property might solve the snow problem; however, he believed it would create more problems in the Manor Section. He asked if the Town would repair the Brook problem. Mr. DelloIacono asked the DPW to clean out the Brook. He asked Mr. Field if there were any funds to do further work. Mr. Field commented that upgrading the drains all the way down would be very costly. Mr. Field did say, however, that he was looking at the sewer problems and adding more drains in this area.

Mrs. Kehoe commented that a tremendous amount of water collects at Mosley and Argyle Road after a rain or snow storm. She complimented Mr. Field and stated that since he has been with the Town, he has done a fantastic job. He has saved the Town hundreds of thousands of dollars and his work is most effective. She added that the Manor Section will not be neglected and that there will be effort, time and tax dollars put into the Manor.

Mr. Maher asked about the other locations being considered. He commented that when Mr. Field addressed his Board, he only stated Striar Property as the choice. Mr. Yonika commented that he reviewed the findings of the Engineering Department, and his personal recommendation was Striar—he felt this location would have the best chance of

passing Conservation Commission review. Other locations on the list were SMA, Churchill Park, Dexter School.

Bill Gorman, Chairman, Conservation Commission, commented that there were many areas considered—some areas were regulated or State. The list that was narrowed down was not driven by the Conservation Commission. He stated that the Striar Property was the least affected and was selected off the list. Striar Property best complied with the Wetlands Protection Act. Once again, Mr. Gorman commented that the Conservation Commission is not driving the issue.

Mr. Keegan informed all that they are looking into satellite locations around Town; however, they do not have anything in place right now. Once again, he stated that the Parking Lot developed on the Striar Property would be used for the field in the future.

A resident of Bonham Road had a question relative to the details of the easement. Mr. DelloIacono stated that the Board/Town Administrator are working out the details. Mr. Keegan commented that the easement would be forever and would go with the property.

Mr. MacDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Butler.

On the Vote: Mr. Butler, yes; Mrs. Kehoe, yes; Mr. MacDonald, yes; and Mr. DelloIacono, yes. Mr. Teehan was absent.

This is to certify that the above is a true and accurate record of the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of December 17, 2007; which minutes were approved on January 10, 2008.

Carmen DelloIacono, Chairman